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1. F[illegible] is a [illegible]-year-old intellectual of lower middle-class origin who, [illegible] his academic studies, intended to enter the teaching profession. At the time, however, pending at the time, he joined the SS and accepted a post in the SD Schrifttumsstelle (then in LEIPZIG). He was subsequently taken over by the SD Hauptamt (later RSHA) where he was employed on the research side and witnessed all the phases of development of a dept which was, since the end of 1941, known as Amt VII. He gradually rose to the rank of Ostubaf and has been since 43 the acting head of Amt VII.

2. F[illegible] does not deny that he joined the Nazi Party at an early stage and that he was carried away by the initial successes of the Nazi regime. As time went on he became somewhat disillusioned, in particular when he discovered that the work of his dept was not appreciated and was openly attacked by other depts. A further reason for his discontentment was that he was on very bad terms with his f[illegible] chief, Wright (Dr SIX) before the latter's transfer to the German Foreign Office, and he suffered from the many internal quarrels in the RSHA. He now seems to be fully converted and is eager to help.

3. H[illegible] is of an urbane, [illegible] and unaggressive type, highly educated and with a scholarly mind and has repeatedly expressed his horror at Nazi corruption and atrocities.

4. Until 43, F[illegible] took no great interest in what went on outside his own sphere of activity. Even when he was acting head of Amt VII, he never took part in conferences with the heads of other Ämter. His information is, therefore, fairly complete [illegible] as his own sub-depts are concerned. It was given willingly and is considered reliable.

5. [illegible] of F[illegible] career see Appendix 1.

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SCHRIFTTUMS-STELLE

6. [illegible] established in LEIPZIG, since the end of [illegible], "Schrifttumsstelle" of the then Sicherheitshauptamt, in charge of which was the then Uschf Dr. SPENGLER (later Stf and Sturmbannführer in Amt III). This Schrifttumsstelle was a subsidiary of the so-called Amt Ausland des Sicherheitshauptamtes and a forerunner of the Reichsamt. Here all new publications which were of a nature to the Deutsche Bücherei, the [illegible] Deutscher Buchhändler, the Schrifttumsstelle was accommodated, were examined with a view to their political content and political [illegible].

7. The results of these investigations were embodied in reports which were sent to the SD Hauptamt in BERLIN. F[illegible] believes that these reports were forwarded by the SD Hauptamt to the [illegible] Chancellery, if further action was considered necessary, in the Third Reich which was, at that time, [illegible]. Copies of these reports remained in the SD files. On the other hand F[illegible] does not think that the

SCHRIFTTUMS-STELLE (cont'd)

Schrifttumsstelle was, at that time, entitled to issue instructions or even to submit suggestions, nor did it really censor all German publications; it was, in his opinion, merely to collect evidence and to pass on information.

REORGANIZATION

8. In autumn 33 the Schrifttumsstelle was taken over by the then Obersturmführer SLK, who was at the same time in charge of the Presseabteilung of the SD Hauptamt. In Feb 36 a reorganisation of the SD Hauptamt took place, in the course of which the Hauptamt was divided into Zentralabteilungen. SLK became the head of the Zentralabteilung I/3 ("Presse und Schrifttum", Library, Special Research Tasks), comprising the following two groups: I/3/1 - Press and Literary Investigation and Press Archives, and II/3/2 - Library of books, pamphlets, and exhibits relating to Masonic rites, and historical research into sorcery and witchcraft.

9. In mid 38 the Schrifttumsstelle was transferred from RSHA/II to RSHA/III. Only a small liaison office remained in RSHA/II. Its main task was the borrowing of books from the Deutsche Büchereien and their despatch to RSHA/III. The Kulturamt under KOTT was converted into Zentralabteilung II/2 (SD Inland für Kultur und Lebensgebiete). At the beginning of 37, SLK also took over Zentralabteilung II/2, as KOTT had to leave the SD owing to serious differences with HEYDRICH. At about the same time SLK was also given charge of Zentralabteilung II/1 (SD Inland, Nachrichtendienst über politische und weltanschauliche Gegner (SI, political and ideological opponents)).

CREATION OF AMT II, RSHA

10. During the winter 38/39, a second re-grouping of functions took place which led to the creation of the RSHA. Zentralabteilung II/2 was converted into Amt III (SD Inland, Lebensgebiete) and SS Obersturmführer HEINRICH OHLENDORF became its head. Zentralabteilung II/1 was dissolved, its task and personnel being transferred to Amt IV (Gestapo). - SLK, who in the meantime had been appointed lecturer on Journalism at KÖPPIGSHAUG University and was soon afterwards called to KIEL University in the same capacity, was entrusted with the organisation of Amt II, the analogue of which was the former Zentralabteilung I/3. However, the investigation part of Group I/3/1 was merged into Amt III immediately, while the Press Archives remained with Amt II until 43, when they too joined Amt III.

11. SLK who, in the meantime, had become Director of the Auslands-Wissenschaftlichen Institut and Dean of the Auslands-Wissenschaftliche Fakultät in the University of KIEL, set up, at Amt II, so-called "Ideologische Referate" which, however, disappeared again until the end of 42. The reason for their short life was that no sufficiently qualified personnel could be found - also that Amt VI (SD Ausland) claimed all the subjects dealt with by these referats as their exclusive concern. Fr knows of the difference between SLK and SCHELLENBERG, the head of Amt VI, whose influence proved in the end more powerful than that of SLK. Consequently Amt II had to restrict itself more and more to research and the collecting of material on the history and ideology of Freemasonry, Jewry, the Churches, Marxism and other movements.

AMT II RE-NUMBERED AMT VII

12. [illegible] of the reorganisation in 42, Amt II finally became known as Amt VII, as the figure II was needed for the new department which [illegible] administration and [illegible]).

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[illegible] ITS OTHER [illegible]

13. P. stated that the work carried out by Amt VII was never fully appreciated by the other depts of the RSHA, especially since the departure of SIX in Apr 43. There was, in P's opinion, no sense of the value of research work in the RSHA. Amt VII had no representatives with the SD Sectors; thus it was hardly known outside RSHA. Personnel posted to the various SDG in German-occupied territories for SD purposes were struck off the strength of Amt VII, and only in a very few instances did P. see proof that former members of Amt VII were doing work similar to or connected with the tasks pursued by the Amt.

[illegible] DISSOLUTION

14. Amt VII was repeatedly declared superfluous. The other Amtschefs openly advocated its dissolution saying that its work represented no effective contribution towards the war effort. P. recalls that once in 44 KALTENBRUNNER sarcastically asked how it could be possible that Amt VII still existed at such a time. But P. was under the impression that KALTENBRUNNER and SCHELLENBERG had a positive interest in transferring the Library to Amt III, probably less for the sake of its intrinsic value than for the sake of increasing their own scope of influence. Soon after SIX's departure KALTENBRUNNER proposed to inspect Amt VII, presumably with a view to absorbing any useful part of it; this inspection, however, did not take place. The later Amtschef I, [illegible], was also constantly considering a dissolution of Amt VII, as P. gathered from KALTENBRUNNER himself and his staff. It may be that KALTENBRUNNER was compelled to consider such a dissolution as, from the end of 44 onwards, many members of the staff of Amt VII who were fit for active service had been called up and posted to the Ersatz Unit in [illegible], e.g. Sturmbannführer [illegible], Oberführer [illegible], Hauptsturmführer [illegible], [illegible], Sturmbannführer [illegible] (since killed in action), Oberführer SCHMIDT and JOHLS. Most of the female employees were dismissed during Feb/Mar 45, and P. himself was, on 15 Apr 45, placed unemployed pending posting to a front-line unit.

P.'s DIFFICULTIES

15. P. points out that since his appointment as Acting Leiter he was almost solely occupied by administrative duties. He had to encounter many difficulties and did not enjoy his work. His position was, as time went on, rendered increasingly difficult by the fact that he had "risen from the ranks" of the RSHA. He met open or passive resistance on the part of his colleagues, who, up to 42, had known him as a "stooge" in a skilled overall movin, a file trolley up and down dusty shelves of archives.

KALTENBRUNNER's HOSTILE [illegible]

16. In Mar 45 the former Referent of VII A 2, Sturmbannführer [illegible], in a spiteful memorandum which was forwarded to KALTENBRUNNER over P.'s head, called P. incompetent and blamed him for no useful work being done by Amt VII, which, he said, was nothing but "a ship without a head". P. thinks the immediate reason for this denunciation was his reluctance to forward to KALTENBRUNNER a report by [illegible] on the problem of emigrants in the light of the "Madagascarpresse", which report contained, in P.'s opinion, a number of ill-conceived and inopportune suggestions. P. recalls that [illegible] memorandum, which was [illegible] to render P.'s position untenable, voiced the intentions of [illegible] group of people in the RSHA and thinks it not improbable that he was [illegible] for a long period, although he [illegible].

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MYSTERIOUS INTERLUDE

17. Only once, and rather suddenly, did Amt VII seem to gain an unexpected importance. This was in autumn 43 when P. received a visit from Sturbf. GOETTSCH, whom he had not known till then, and of whom he knew only that he belonged to KALTENBRUNNER's closest collaborators.

18. GOETTSCH began by telling P. that, during a recent illness, he had developed a great interest in occultism and Freemasonry, and informed P. that he had obtained permission from KALTENBRUNNER to study books on those subjects in the library belonging to Amt VII. To this P. could not raise any objections. GOETTSCH also said that he would like to have the services of some member of Amt VII who would be able to advise him on these matters and to get the books ready for him. P. mentioned Stubaf Hans RICHTER of VII B 1 (Freemasonry) whom GOETTSCH had already known before.

19. Soon afterwards GOETTSCH got into touch with RICHTER, who from then onwards remained in his private flat and only turned up at the RSHA to borrow books for GOETTSCH.

20. Some weeks later P. was, together with GOETTSCH, summoned to KALTENBRUNNER. The visit was a very short one. KALTENBRUNNER informed P. that he had entrusted GOETTSCH with a very important and top secret task. P. was to procure all books and documents for which GOETTSCH should ask and place them at the latter's disposal without fail. He was told not to ask any questions; he only had to meet GOETTSCH's requirements to the fullest possible extent. RICHTER would work with GOETTSCH and act as an intermediary between GOETTSCH and P.

21. In Jan 44 GOETTSCH moved to VIENNA whither, in Feb or Mar, RICHTER followed him. In May or Jun RICHTER turned up at MEUTSCH-GRAEL (MORAVIA) where important sections of the Library had been evacuated and housed in SCHLOSS FALKENBURG. RICHTER began to borrow masses of books, not only about Freemasonry, but also on occultism, anthroposophy (P. heard that he also asked for the secret Nazi files on the anthroposophic communities in GERMANY which had been suppressed by the Nazis), telepathy, European and Oriental religious sects and, lastly, on the history and literary pattern of the English detective-story. RICHTER's arrogance and his unsatiable hunger for ever increasing masses of material led to differences with the Librarian, Stubaf BUCHSTER, which culminated in a message from GOETTSCH conveyed to BUCHSTER by RSHA, [illegible] that if GOETTSCH could not get what he wanted from the library he would have the whole library taken away from Amt VII.

22. In the end GOETTSCH and RICHTER, who remained in contact throughout 44, proved stronger than BUCHSTER and the management of Amt VII. RICHTER got a study of his own in SCHLOSS FALKENBURG and a shorthand-typist, Frl R[illegible]. GOETTSCH remained chiefly in Vienna.

MASONIC LODGE OF RSHA AGENTS ?

23. Although P. is ignorant of the purpose of the investigations pursued by GOETTSCH and RICHTER (of whom he lost sight at the beginning of 45), he has a certain interpretation of their activities and his explanation was confirmed by Stubaf [illegible] (Freemasonry). Both agreed that KALTENBRUNNER had built [illegible] sort of a Masonic lodge or esoteric [illegible] he has previously belonged to "Herrenhaus" [illegible] which, though non-political, [illegible] purposes [illegible] such circuits would, within

ASONIC LODGE OF RSHA AGENTS ? (contd)

the long [illegible], enjoy full [illegible] satisfy their inclinations so long as they could, in return, collaborate [illegible] with the [illegible] section [illegible] every [illegible] as informers on [illegible] political and economic [illegible] within the Reich and in occupied territories. [illegible] probably intended to enlist and train a special group of agents who would be rather different from the usual type [illegible] informers. [illegible] firmly believes that [illegible] and HIC [illegible] carry out the preliminary work for establishing such an organisation.

UTLINE OF UNIT VII.

24. The staff of [illegible] not all of intellectual type. On the contrary, [illegible] were used to any kind of research work. [illegible] from the group leaders, they were mostly old members of the Nazi Party, including university failures, some minor officials and quite a number of simple craftsmen. In [illegible]'s words, Unit VII was for the most part a collection of typical semi-intellectuals. The few qualified academic men who stayed on, under the illusion that they were to carry out scientific research into the various anti-Nazi ideologies, adopted, as time went on, a rather critical attitude to Greater National Socialism; and, though they had but little chance to voice their doubts and [illegible] disbelief, they did not conceal their feelings among themselves. Among those who shared their views considerably though not completely were Sturmbannführer BURGSTAHLER the head of the Library (VII A1), Stubaf Dr SEIDL (also VII A1), Hauptsturmführer TOCKE the head of the Press Archives (VII A2) and Stubaf Dr LEVIN.

SIX's "OUTSIDE CONTROLS"

25. To raise the general intellectual standard of Unit VII and to increase the importance of the research work carried out there, SIX succeeded in securing some outsiders who did not necessarily have to be members of the SS, though some of them held honourary rank. In autumn 42 and again in Feb 43, a month before he left Unit VII, he called together meetings which were attended by men like the Professor ordinarius of mediaeval History at JENA (afterwards STRASSBURG), Hauptsturmführer Dr Günther KRAUZ, the Professor of German Literature at LEIPZIG University Dr JÖLLES, the Professor of State Philosophy at BERLIN University [illegible], Dr [illegible], the Professor of Prehistory (BERLIN), Hauptsturmführer [illegible], and some members of the NS Studentenbund - an SS-man [illegible], Hauptsturmführer [illegible] and Stubaf [illegible]. For the second meeting [illegible]'s permission had to be obtained. At these meetings future research work was discussed. The subjects planned were: early socialist tendencies in German History, the Marxian concept of surplus value, the history of Freemasonry based upon its earliest literary sources, the influence of Jewry on the French Revolution, Teutonism and Christianity etc. Professor KRAUZ acted as chairman of these discussion groups. There were, however, no further meetings after SIX's departure.

REASONS FOR FAILURE OF UNIT VII

26. [illegible] does not hesitate to admit that from a purely Nazi point of view Unit VII was found to be a failure from its very start. Its real purpose was never properly laid down, and as time went on it was proved that the two subjects with which it was supposed to deal - namely dissemination of Nazi culture and research into anti-Nazi ideologies - were, in fact, irreconcilable. The former subject was successfully claimed by three most powerful authorities - the Propagandaministerium, the Kulturamt der SS (in fact represented by "Dienststelle Ahnenerbe") and by the Foreign Office (Kulturpolitische Abteilung) - it had therefore to be dropped completely at an early stage. SIX, who was ambitious, left Unit VII because the post of a "Referent" in the Foreign Office, coupled with his professorship at BERLIN, offered more promise in a far better career than the SS could ever have done for him.

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REASONS FOR FAILURE OF AMT VII (contd)

27. The research work done by Amt VII never fulfilled the expectations of its creators. The reason for this was that the academically qualified members of its staff occupied themselves with matters of merely historical interest, instead of political intelligence. Their attitude of impartial and objective research, no matter how ardently Nazi some of them were in daily life, seemed, at times, diametrically opposed to the whole purpose of the SD. PW explains that in most cases these men could not help it; they had grown up in the academic atmosphere of the Weimar Republic, before methodical research had been generally discarded.

28. The following are a few instances of their over-objectivity. When ordered to produce new evidence to prove the "authenticity" of the spurious "Protocols of the Elders of Zion", they probed at great length into the political and economic history of the German Jews - though hampered by the absence of important original sources like the ROTHSCHILD Archives which had been spirited away and reserved for the sole use of the "Dienststelle ROSENBERG" and the "Reichs-institut für die Geschichte des Neuen Deutschlands" under Professor Dr Walter FRANK. They were supposed to prove the "disastrous" and "destructive" influence of the Roman Catholic Church on the ways of life of the Germanic races in mediaeval and modern times; they lost themselves, instead, in complicated problems of ecclesiastical history. They were to demonstrate the "subversive" character of witchcraft in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and, on the other hand, to provide evidence for an indictment of the Churches for their "hard and cruel" methods of fighting it. All they brought to light, however, were a few forgotten bits of folklore. Then they should have unearthed startling new material to prove the hostile attitude of Freemasonry towards State and Nation, indeed towards any civilised community, they succeeded only in producing colourless historical treatises.

29. There was, in short, a permanent conflict between the ends envisaged and the means actually employed. The academic personnel of Amt VII, who formed anything but a happy team, were not capable of resolving this conflict. On the only occasion when KALTENBRUNNER wanted to make use of Amt VII for a certain purpose (as described in paras 17 - 23), he commissioned men who were completely unqualified, but staunch Nazis. A "mysterious twilight" surrounded the activities of Amt VII from beginning to its end, which was, in PW's own words, not a lamentable one.

5. ORGANISATION

30. For diagram showing the organisation and structure of Amt VII, see Appendix H.

VII A - COMPILATION

VII A 1 : LIBRARY

ORMATION

31. The library was started in the autumn of 1938, soon after SIX had taken over the Sicherheitsdienst [illegible]. PW states that its formation was decided upon at a conference between SIX and HEYDRICH. A proper library statute was, however, never drawn up. The library of Amt VII was not to be a general

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reference library for the use of officials of the SIL, as each unit (in particular Inter IV, V and VI) had its own collection of indispensable reference books. It was, from the very beginning, described as a research collection within which every book or pamphlet had to be classed as a document and formed part of a system of archives. The first consignments arrived after the great purge of 1933/34, when the first thorough sifting of public and private libraries, publishing firms and book shops had taken place and after most non-Nazi societies, associations and lodges had been dissolved. When I moved to BERLIN in 36 he found masses of heterogeneous books, mainly consisting of confiscated material the pulping of which seemed inadvisable for various reasons. Cataloguing these books and sorting out duplicates would have provided work for many years; this task was never accomplished.

HOUSING

32. The conditions for housing a large and ever-growing library remained very bad. The entire collection was moved once to the branch building of the SIL, Kisenacher Strasse 12. Later on big sections that had already been shelved had, on SIL's orders, to be re-arranged. In 43 the process of evacuation started; thus the library was never really available for proper use. The principles of arrangement were frequently changed.

LIBRARIANS

33. The first librarian whom I met was Hastuf BAYER who was, however, called up in 38 and was rarely seen in the library since, though he remained theoretically in charge till 40, when he was transferred to the Luftwaffe as a Lt. Then Stubaf Dr Günther STEIN was appointed acting Leiter of the Library. He had some experience in public library service, and the work of cataloguing and classification would certainly have made some progress, had not SIL constantly interfered with it. He found STEIN too pedantic and treated him accordingly. In 42 STEIN was taken seriously ill, probably in consequence of the many humiliations he had had to endure from SIL, and had to take a long leave, on the expiration of which he was transferred to VII B 3 (Churches). The post of Librarian was given to Stubaf Karl BURMESTER, a student of economic geography who had no library training. SIL thought that BURMESTER would work in a less academic fashion and show more practical efficiency. BURMESTER remained Librarian until Apr 45. He was responsible for the evacuation of the collection.

34. From 43 onwards the heads of sub-depts (Referenten) were also largely responsible for the upkeep of those sections of the library which concerned their particular lines of research.

SECTIONS

35. During 36, when I myself worked in the Library, the classification of Masonic and Marxist books was started by Hastuf BAYER. Later on STEIN and, after him, BURMESTER began to set up other sections, e.g. ecclesiastical history and literature, Judaica, generalia (i.e. books of reference) and a section on Germany and foreign countries. Smaller sections comprised the following subjects: anthroposophy, theosophy, occultism and telepathy, literature and pornography.

ACQUISITIONS

36. Early in 37, Amt VII began to acquire the more important new publications on these subjects. New publications were usually procured through the liaison office at LEIPZIG, as Amt VII was not financially in a position to purchase them all on the open market. Books which were wanted could only be procured through ordinary booksellers after long delays, and might then be out of print; this frequently happened in recent years, when paper shortage led to the issue of very small editions.

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37. [illegible] knows less about accessions to the library after the middle of 37, when he left the library to take over Masonic manuscripts. He remembers, however, that the entire library of the Jewish community of BERLIN was confiscated and brought to Unit VII, and that from May 38 onwards not less than 200 boxes of books began to pour in from ABERLIN. These were not opened but piled away in the cellars of the office in Lisenacher Strasse. Of material confiscated by the SDS in occupied territories only comparatively little was forwarded to the RSHA. BERLIN, as most of it was dealt with on the spot. On the whole, the search parties (Fahndungsdienst) of the SDS worked unsystematically as far as books and documents were concerned. Upon 4th October a Government decree ordered that all books and archives concerning political or ideological opponents in occupied territories were (unless temporarily wanted by the SD, Gipo or Kripo) to be collected by the Kulturamt of the RSHA and be handed over to Einsatzstab ROSENBERG for evaluation by the latter's various institutes and the projected School of Ideological Investigation.

CATALOGUES

38. Before the library was evacuated it contained, in [illegible]'s estimate, 200,000 - 300,000 volumes including brochures. A proper census was never taken. A great part was shelved in alphabetical order, but masses, from which the duplicates were still to be eliminated, remained piled in the cellars. At the time of the evacuation it was seen that only a very small number of them had been entered in two catalogues, one classified by subjects and the other by authors. Detailed particulars, according to the old Prussian Library Instructions, were only given for recent publications and current literature. The section of Masonic books was partly catalogued, but references were more easily traced with the help of KOLSTILG's voluminous Masonic Bibliography (1926).

DEFECTS

39. The library had no reading room, nor were any specific rules laid down for borrowing books. Not much use was made of the library outside the staff of Unit VII. Its unpopularity was due to its inaccessibility and many defects, which made any extensive research work nearly impossible for anyone not actually employed in the library.

EVACUATION

40. The evacuation of the library was started at the beginning of 43. At the middle of Jan 45 large sections were housed in the spacious cellars of SCHLOSS [illegible] near GLOGAU. These sections include [illegible] Masonic and Judaica collections, reference libraries of Unit VII and of other departments, books on German history, ethnology and folklore as well as the whole Press Archives (Vol. 2). By Apr 45 these were distributed over the following locations, where accommodation had been requisitioned by the Abschnittsleiter of [illegible], stuck [illegible]:-

1) SCHLOSS [illegible], [illegible] of [illegible] (Library) (GSS 4346/0.31/[illegible]95)
2) SCHLOSS [illegible], SAXONY of [illegible] (Library) (GSS 4346/0.31/[illegible]85)
3) [illegible], [illegible] of [illegible] (Library) (GSS 4346/0.31/[illegible]85).
4) SCHLOSS [illegible] in [illegible] (Library) (GSS 4346/0.31/[illegible].96)
5) SCHLOSS [illegible], [illegible], District GLOGAU (Masonic archives) (GSS 4346/0.31/[illegible].32)
6) [illegible], [illegible] (Press Archives)
7) [illegible] (Press Archives)

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41. In SCHLOSS [illegible] and [illegible]HEULING the books could be shelved; in [illegible] they were only stored away. The masonic library and the reference libraries of the other [illegible] remained in [illegible].

VII .. 2 : PRESS ARCHIVES

ARCHIVES AND DAILY SURVEY

42. The Press Archives, when SL took charge of them, were originally intended as a collection of press clippings from all German and, as far as available, foreign newspapers, magazines, and periodicals, concerning matters of interest to the SD Hauptamt. At the same time a press survey ("Presse-Spiegel") was compiled day by day, duplicated and distributed to all SD Dienststellen for their information. In [illegible]'s opinion its value was doubtful, as it amounted to a mere repetition of reports in the German press. This press survey ceased publication about the beginning of 42 owing to lack of personnel and paper. From that time onwards only the archives were continued. [illegible] for foreign newspapers could be obtained with difficulty and after long delay from the Sortiment SCHMITZER, a BERLIN newspaper and book agency which maintained relations with SWEDEN and SWITZERLAND. Their place was largely taken by foreign news and other broadcasts and DNB reports.

FILING

43. The cuttings were filed away in several thousand folders. As most of the articles and reports cut out were of interest for several topics, referenced slips had to be made showing the number of the folder containing the original cutting. Before the war certain cuttings were forwarded to Amter III and IV for information before they were filed away. Early in the war this practice fell into disuse almost entirely, as both Amter III and IV had formed their own sub-depts concerned with press evaluation. Moreover, Amt III in particular was not inclined to return the cuttings as it wanted to file them with its own documents.

MALE STAFF

44. The male staff of VII .. 2 was small and consisted chiefly of men who had not completed their studies. In the beginning SL did all the research work himself but in 37, when he became overburdened with other tasks, he handed the sub-dept over to Stuf [illegible]. The latter remained in charge until the beginning of 42, when Hstuf [illegible] took over the sub-dept until its end. [illegible] was a fairly good linguist and comparatively well versed in political economy, but had no university training or Abitur. The further members, Scharf Dr Willi LEUTHEUSER and Ustuf Heinz MUST, were killed on the Eastern front. Another member of the staff, Hascharf TIEKE, was hardly more than a filing clerk.

FEMALE STAFF

45. The female staff was more numerous. It consisted of two women in a supervisory capacity: Dr phil Hilde HORN, a former student of Journalism, who worked directly under the Referent and was largely responsible for the selection of material, and Frl Ines [illegible] who worked on the cross-references. They were assisted by four or five women who translated French and English articles. There was also one translator for Swedish. These translators had been mainly recruited from the civilian interpreter schools of HEIDELBERG, LEIPZIG ([illegible]'sches Institut) and BERLIN (DOLMETSCH SCHULE). The purely mechanical work of cutting and pasting was done by middle-aged women employees of whom there were about twenty-five before the war, and towards the end about fifteen.

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EVACUATION

46. The Press Archives remained in BERLIN till Mar 43 and were then evacuated partly to PLAUE in THURINGIA and partly to [illegible]. The sections which had been in PLAUE were then, at an unspecified date, again evacuated to [illegible] on the [illegible].

VALUE OF ARCHIVES CRITICISED

47. P. states that, at this point on, the Press Archives lost all the importance which SIX had originally attached to them. Although they had a certain historical value, they showed, for some years, considerable gaps, since work had been interrupted several times and the methods of collecting had often been changed. For this P. blames SIX, who used to take members of his staff suddenly off their work and put them on to work in which he took an ephemeral interest or which seemed to promise him personal success with his superiors.

VII B - EVALUATION

GENERAL

48. Owing to the war the sub-depts of VII B were sorely understaffed and the number of fully qualified research workers decreased rapidly. Consequently the scope of their work had to be narrowed considerably, even before the evacuation. The laboratories (heads of sub-depts) also suffered from SIX's dogmatic and overbearing attitude, which was not conducive to scholarly research.

49. A reorganization of the whole administration of Amt VII, which took place in Dec 43, dissolved VII B as well as VII B 1 (Masonic Archives); VII B 2 had been closed down already in 41. As, however, the evacuated material had to be taken care of, and as nearly all employees were classed as more or less unfit for active service, the sub-depts were maintained on a reduced scale. Practically the whole of Amt VII was then centralized into one single group. All existing sub-depts of VII B were evacuated to [illegible]. From Aug 43 onwards P. came into contact with his colleagues only every fortnight, when he went to [illegible] for very short periods to see to the library and archives and to settle quarrels among the personnel.

VII B 1 : FREEMASONRY

50. The material used by this sub-dept consisted mainly of the Masonic section of the main library, VII A 1. The only Masonic periodical which found its way to Amt VII during the last few years was the Swiss periodical "Alpina" which was obtained through the Sortiment SCH [illegible] (see para 42). This periodical contained the only information available about international Masonry. Stubaf [illegible] (P.'s successor as Referent) also collected material for a large work whose publication was planned. This work was to give a thorough and critical account of all international Masonic communities, their history and ideology.

REPORTS ON BOOKS

51. Besides this the Referent had to report to the Amtsc[illegible] on all [illegible] and pamphlets on Freemasonry, the first editions of which were submitted to him for confidential review and judgment by the publishers, in particular by the "[illegible] Verlag" [illegible], with whom Amt VII had special relations. Amt VII [illegible] no subscribers, as did, in a few

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REPORTS ON BOOKS

cases, the Propagandaministerium and the "Dienststelle [illegible]" (Section, "Überstaatliche Mächte"). The reports which were asked for by Amt III (who only forwarded material with which they, through lack of qualified readers, could not deal themselves), were sent on by Amtschef VII to Ostubaf von [illegible], who was in charge of the sub-dept of Amt III concerned with Literature and the Press. If the Dienststelle [illegible] requested a report, which happened during P.'s term of duty only once, this had to be sent to Dienstleiter [illegible]. P. declares that there was no regular interchange of ideas between Amt VII and either of the above-mentioned departments, which jealously kept themselves aloof.

52. P. relates that 80% of the material submitted for scrutiny was absolutely valueless. Consequently Amt VII usually recommended the withdrawal from public sale of material already printed, or non-publication of that which was still in manuscript form. The 'works' produced were mainly political trash written by unscrupulous dilettantes, or pure propaganda of the lowest sort which contained no useful information and was not based upon original sources. In many cases, however, Amt III took no notice of Amt VII's recommendations, although in some instances publication could be prevented.

53. The trouble was that Amt III and [illegible]LPINSKI in particular did not fully accept Amt VII's objective criteria of judgment. For them the Propagandaministerium. When VII 1 were approached by the latter for an opinion on a costly second edition of [illegible]'s 'Freemasonry and Jewry in [illegible]', and on account of its many inaccuracies, advised against it, their recommendation was passed over and the book was reprinted with all its mistakes and appeared on the market.

54. At times, 'memoranda' reached Amt VII from cranks, mystery-mongers and professional sensationalists; critical reports on such memoranda were then submitted by the Amt, but were often ignored.

CARD-INDEX AND LIBRARY

55. The Masonic Referat had at its disposal in the library the complete membership lists of Lodges in GERMANY and a card-index compiled from this source of information. From this card-index, information was made available on demand to Party or S.D. branches. In general, Freemasons could become members of the Party, but were not allowed to hold official posts. Furthermore, the Referat compiled and issued approximately every two months a summary of information received; this was distributed in 150 copies. This summary was introduced whilst SIX was still in command. Towards the end, the Referat spent much time in setting up the Freemasonry Library at its evacuation [illegible] (SCHLESIERS). At the same time Hauptsturmführer [illegible] was made responsible for the Library of Witchcraft and Sorcery, also at SCHLESIERS. As related in para 21, many Masonic books were shifted to [illegible] in 44 for the sole use of [illegible] and his assistant RICHTER.

FRENCH MASONRY INVESTIGATED

56. The Freemasonry Referat was, according to P., one of the few Sections of Amt VII which were represented in German-occupied territories. Soon after the fall of FRANCE in 40, Os[illegible], who had entered the Referat in 33, became liaison [illegible] between VII 1 and the SS [illegible], Staf [illegible]. STÜBER was sent to [illegible] to investigate French Masonic communities, their history and the extent to which they had penetrated into French public life. He despatched

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a number of books and brochures, and, at intervals, long reports which were all signed by KROCHEN. STÜBER was killed in action at the beginning of Sep 44 and his successor at the RSHA FRANKFURT was Ostuf MENZEL who had, until then, been partly employed in the Masonic archives (VII D 1). He was sent to PARIS in spring 44, and worked at first under STÜBER, who introduced him to investigation of Freemasonry and International Jewry.

RENCH INFORMER, COSTON

57. It was then that he came into contact with KROCHEN's chief French informer on Freemasonry, a certain COSTON. After the invasion of FRANCE by the Allied Forces, MENZEL was for a short time employed on general SD duties in NORMANDY, on which P. can give no further details. Then MENZEL returned to G[illegible] and arranged, apparently on his own initiative, for COSTON's move to the REICH. In late autumn 44 COSTON moved to NORDS with his family and four of his informers. When P. heard of this move, he contacted at once Hauptscharführer IV, Graf Gealt & Pol MÜLLER, asking for instructions. MÜLLER replied that he had no interest whatever in COSTON and his Masonic researches, and that P. should keep him. Thereupon P. got into touch with KALTENBRUNNER, and on his orders evacuated COSTON and his entourage with MENZEL in charge to PATZIG (PAU) in the [illegible] (GSGS 4416/3.10/6463). Since beginning 45, however, P. lost sight of MENZEL and COSTON. (For COSTON, see STÜBER and MENZEL in Appendix 3).

PUBLICATIONS

58. The following publications on the history of Freemasonry were issued under the aegis of Amt VII since 42, and were brought out by the "NORDLAND Verlag":-

(i) Sturbaf Dr Hans SCHICK: "Die Älteren Rosenkreuzer", a study of the Rosicrucian movement in GERMANY during the seventeenth century.

(ii) Dr Adolf KOSSILIN: "Freimaurerei und Politik im Zeitalter der Französischen Revolution".

(iii) Dr Heinz SÜNER: "Das Wirken der Freimaurerei in [illegible] 1866/67".

(iv) Dr Hans [illegible]: "Die Freimaurerei und die europäischen Dynastien".

NORDLAND VERLAG"

59. The "NORDLAND Verlag", which was founded as a small publishing firm for Nazi literature about 37/38, was later given the copyright of all publications prepared or recommended by Amt VII. Its director was Ostubaf MISCHKE, its manager Ostuf SCHÜLLER, both 100% Nazi. Its only professional reader was P., who emphasises that the firm was not controlled by the RSHA or any of its depts, but exclusively by the SS Verwaltungs- und Wirtschaftsamt.

VII D 2 : JEWRY

60. This sub-dept too made extensive use of VII A 1 and VII A 2, which supplied the basic material for their work. P. admits that he took little interest in the activities of VII D 2, partly owing to the fact that he found it rather difficult to get on with the director, Hastuf Dr Phil [illegible].

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REPORTS [illegible]

61. Occasionally the [illegible] had to report on manuscripts which [illegible] for [illegible] by the "[illegible]", most of which had to be rejected on account of their unfortunate [illegible] quality. [illegible] recalls that about [illegible] manuscript was a [illegible] written by the notorious [illegible] von [illegible], a [illegible] of Alfter [illegible]; the [illegible] against its publication.

PRESS SUMMARY

62. [illegible], the [illegible] issued every three weeks a summary of Press information on the Jewish question. [illegible] that year this summary consisted mainly of extracts from Jewish [illegible] in S [illegible]. It was duplicated in about 200 copies and distributed to all 30 branches, the Foreign Office, the [illegible] Ministerium, and the [illegible]. It was almost valueless and earned criticism from the [illegible]. The [illegible] PRESS, [illegible], and violently attacked [illegible] VII on this account and for their [illegible] and dispassionate attitude in general.

REPORTS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

63. In accordance with an agreement between [illegible] and the German Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt), [illegible] 2 [illegible] to supply the Foreign Office with short reports [illegible] subjects connected with the Jewish question. [illegible] question, these reports were to be forwarded via [illegible] VII, [illegible] signed in [illegible] and noted as liaison [illegible] to [illegible] of the Auswärtiges Amt Abteilung. [illegible], who took no particular interest in the intellectual [illegible], see [illegible] that he was not [illegible] with the reports. [illegible] the "Institut zur Erforschung der Judenfrage" in [illegible], director [illegible], which was [illegible]'s creation.

64. [illegible] the Press summaries and the short reports to [illegible] were [illegible] and edited by Zivilangestellter [illegible].

LIBRARY

65. [illegible] from these activities, the staff of VII 2 2 had to help maintain the sections of the Library into which it was [illegible], a task which became more difficult after the vacuum left by the "[illegible]" in the area of [illegible] - [illegible] or less, [illegible], Oberst [illegible] as [illegible] basis [illegible] as technical assistant [illegible].

[illegible]

66. [illegible] all the subdivisions of VII 2, VII 2 [illegible] was the least busy, chiefly owing to the fact that it remained for a long period without a [illegible] referent. The last referent, [illegible], was a mere figurehead. If he had two research [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] actually employed [illegible]). Most of the work was done by Oberst [illegible] [illegible] qualified ecclesiastical historian. [illegible] through the more important historical [illegible] [illegible] publications on ecclesiastical history, to compile [illegible] lists of [illegible], and to plan new acquisitions [illegible] the Library. The Press summaries [illegible] were issued to [illegible] branches, the [illegible] only at long intervals, [illegible] Protestant as a service [illegible] left. [illegible] collection of the history [illegible] in particular [illegible] [illegible].

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OUTSIDE OPPOSITION

67. At the time when VII B 3 was evacuated it was still without plan or programme, and no real results were achieved. This was, in P.'s belief, mainly due to the fact that the campaign against the political churches was really within the sphere of action of Amter III and IV, the Dienststelle ROSENBERG and the Kulturamt of the NSDAP, all of which were jealous of their prerogatives.

VII B 4 : MARXISM

THE TEACHING OF THIS SUB-DEPT

68. This sub-dept remained for a long time without a head, after its first Referent Hauptsturmführer HENKES had followed SIX into the Auswärtiges Amt. HENKES encountered difficulties in understanding Marxism as he lacked knowledge of history and economics. On SIX's suggestion he planned a new full-length biography of Karl MARX but never got beyond collecting preliminary material.

69. From 42 onwards Oberstuf [illegible] was in charge of the Referat. He came from the Eastern Front and had only a very superficial knowledge of the subject. He too had to work hard to gain some knowledge of Marxian ideology and Dialectical Materialism. In 44 he was taken ill and remained inactive for many months. Most of the research work, which consisted only in reading and extracting the Marxian Classics and prominent works on Bolshevism, was done by Zivilangestellter Dr phil [illegible], who joined VII B 4 at the end of 43 or the beginning of 44.

70. Contact with day to day topics was only maintained by reading two or three Russian Socialist newspapers which were obtained through the Sortiment SCHEUTZER. Articles in these papers were cut out and filed away according to a special subject index. These files were not handed to the General Press Archives (VII A 2) but remained with VII B 4. P. has no recollection of any Russian papers being read in this sub-dept, as they were not available through any foreign country and no printed matter came to Amt VII from the Eastern front.

VII B 5 : FREEMASONRY

SCOPE

71. This sub-dept was instituted by SIX so that it might demonstrate the irreconcilable antagonism between Liberalism and the German Nationalist State. It worked on similar lines to VII B 1 (Freemasonry). Later on SIX intended to expand the functions of the sub-dept and to entrust it with the investigation of all political and philosophical ideas throughout modern German history.

RELATIONS WITH AMT III

72. It was also hoped to write monographs on ideological themes for the use of Amt III, especially III C. At the beginning of 42 the Referent of VII B 5, Sturmbannführer Dr SCHICK (a former Roman Catholic priest), had preliminary conferences at Amt III, mainly with Gruppenführer [illegible] and Obersturmbannführer von KLEPINSKI and submitted three voluminous monographs. This cooperation did not, however, last long. According to P., Amt III, which had its own research staff, was not at all impressed by SCHICK's scholastic attitude. It appears that Amt III's dissatisfaction over SCHICK's reports was used as a pretext to attack the whole management of Amt VII.

STAFF

73. [illegible] staff [illegible] consisted [illegible] secretary [illegible] cannot [illegible] besides [illegible] administrative [illegible] publications, took care of the [illegible] German history and read all [illegible] still published. Furthermore [illegible] extensive [illegible] library of German [illegible] (see para 58).

[illegible] POLITICAL OPPONENTS

74. [illegible] little [illegible] about the [illegible] this sub-dept. [illegible] to investigate the [illegible] and political [illegible] separatist and reactionary movements and [illegible] from [illegible] (Library) [illegible] collection [illegible] available [illegible] newspaper cuttings dealing with these [illegible].

75. [illegible] close [illegible] of 43 [illegible] staff, after its first [illegible] different [illegible] detached to [illegible] 43, and [illegible] sent to [illegible] as [illegible].

[illegible]

GENERAL

76. [illegible] comprised three sub-depts whose work [illegible] Sonderaufträge (Special Research [illegible] Masonic Archives (VII C 1), the [illegible] Masonic rites (VII C 2) and [illegible] witchcraft. Of [illegible] fairly complete [illegible].

VII C 1 : MASONIC ARCHIVES

77. [illegible] setting-up of [illegible] to collect, [illegible] and file the [illegible] been confiscated by [illegible] into his custody were [illegible] certain parts had remained with the local [illegible] police offices where they were used for [illegible] purposes.

78. [illegible] the material [illegible] value and [illegible] expert [illegible] began to [illegible] of which [illegible].

STAFF

79. [illegible]

RE-SORTING

30. When P. took charge most of the archives were stored in the cellars of the building at Emser Strasse 12 and formed a useless mixture of heterogeneous papers. The reconstruction of the individual archives had partly to be done by tracing the old numerical reference marks and marginal classes, which took much time. By the beginning of 41, however, the archives had been roughly re-sorted according to Lodges. After this rough sorting, a more careful sifting was to follow. Some indexing was attempted for the archives of a few Lodges, but this had to be abandoned owing to the great size of the archives which dated from 1737 to 1933. In some instances the Lodges have their own indices.

MOVES

31. It was a serious drawback that the archives had to be moved four times. At the end of 39 they were moved to Eisenacher Strasse and at the beginning of 42 back to Emser Strasse. Each move interrupted cataloguing and research work for about six months. Then in the middle of 43 the archives were evacuated to [illegible] near [illegible], and in spring [illegible] to [illegible] near [illegible]. From summer 38 onwards, I was entrusted with procuring material from the archives for the Encyclopedia of German Freemasonry which was planned by SD and little time to spare for this task owing to the moves.

OTHER DOCUMENTS

32. Apart from purely masonic documents, the archives contained the entire registry of the dissolved "Zentralverein des Deutschen Staatsbürger Jüdischen Glaubens" and the records of the Austrian "Vaterländische Front". The latter were in a particularly [illegible] preservation. There were also hundred documents which had been confiscated by the SD and Gestapo. [illegible] lack of [illegible] personnel, all those masses of documents were never examined or even shelved.

CONSULTATION OF ARCHIVES

33. The masonic archives were hardly ever used by outsiders, though in 1942 the Professor of Mediaeval History at [illegible] University, Dr Percy Ernst SCHRAMM, a non-Nazi, was allowed for a short time in order to complete some genealogical studies on his own masonic ancestors for a book entitled "Kaiser, Deutschland und die Welt" which appeared in 43. Use of the archives was made by the staff of VII B, in particular those [illegible] who were engaged upon actual research work. Sometimes genealogical queries addressed to German public archives were passed on to the [illegible], but only in a few cases could the requested information be furnished.

ACCOMMODATION STORAGE

34. At [illegible] shelves for the masonic archives were made with great difficulty owing to the lack of wood. The records of the Jewish "Zentralverein" and the "Vaterländische Front" as well as the hundred documents remained in wooden boxes which were never opened. There were also a number of unopened chests containing books which had gone to [illegible] by mistake instead of to the castles in the [illegible] owing to the chaotic railway conditions. There was also at [illegible] a collection of newspaper cuttings which had been [illegible] a [illegible] collector, Herr [illegible] of [illegible]. It was planned to incorporate it [illegible] these archives (VII B 2).

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VII C 2 : [illegible]

35. [illegible] important an [illegible] objects. [illegible] first this collection [illegible] who, [illegible] book on freemasonry. In [illegible] of this collection. [illegible] exhibits.

[illegible]

36. In 37 or 38 [illegible] entered into the museum a number of objects [illegible] aprons and other masonic vestments and [illegible]. [illegible] exhibited the entire collection of [illegible] Prussia, [illegible] which [illegible] nine degrees. Another room contained various [illegible] of artistic and symbolical interest, [illegible] historical documents. The style and [illegible] was [illegible] and rather insipid, in contrast to the colourful [illegible] display in other [illegible] museums [illegible], such as that in [illegible].

[illegible]

37. The collection [illegible] those who [illegible] to study the [illegible] symbolism and ritual. [illegible] not open to the [illegible] public or to research students, being [illegible] certain categories of [illegible] collection, [illegible] admitted by special [illegible].

FATE OF MUSEUM

38. [illegible] of the exhibition was closed, [illegible] remained inactive for [illegible] years. [illegible] which could not be displayed in the [illegible] then a notable collection of [illegible] without [illegible] and could be found. [illegible] collection [illegible] and in 43 a [illegible] Knows, evacuated [illegible] destroyed by fire during [illegible] In autumn 43, VII C 2 [illegible]

JEWISH WOMEN'S

39. [illegible] on SIA's [illegible] concerning [illegible] which [illegible] those [illegible] as they [illegible]

[illegible]

FORMATION OF SUB-DEPT.

40. [illegible] for a thodical [illegible] superstitions [illegible] with SIA on the subject. [illegible] of the Schriftleitung [illegible] to find six [illegible] qualified to [illegible] of [illegible] I, Chief [illegible] part [illegible] supervisory [illegible] by [illegible] 2. [illegible]

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91. The original purpose was to trace the influence of the Catholic Church on late mediaeval and early modern witchcraft. This task called for an extensive examination of unpublished manuscript documents and voluminous abstracts from the printed literature. The members of the research group set out to visit all public and, as far as possible, private archives throughout GERMANY and AUSTRIA and to extract administrative and judicial records, mainly of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Of large sections of these original sources photostat copies were made on the spot. The copies were then transcribed and the results noted in brief on special forms, which were then arranged geographically. The staff had also to read and extract books, pamphlets and articles contained in historical and folklore periodicals. All available literature was purchased in second-hand bookshops and collected in a special library, which formed a section in the Main Library (VII A 1). Photostat copies were also made from publications which had to be borrowed from other libraries. Apart from this, a card-index of all titles of books and articles was compiled, to serve as the basis for a historical bibliography of witchcraft to be edited by Amt VII after the war.

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

92. Apart from the routine work of collecting, extracting and copying, most of the staff were allotted special themes for independent research, the result of which was to be published in a series of treatises. Only LEVIN's treatise ever reached the stage of printing. He intended to use it to obtain a lecturership in Historical Folklore at MUNICH University, where he submitted it in typescript to Professor [illegible] von HULLED and Professor Karl HOFLER.

OUTCOME OF RESEARCH

93. As time went on, the more serious contributors like LEVIN and [illegible] were unable to reconcile their results with SIX's preconceptions. The evidence-collected proved that it was by no means only the Catholic Church that destroyed the heritage of old magical usages and popular beliefs. It was found that in Protestant territories trials for witchcraft took place throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and that the secular jurisdiction took a strong line in the persecution of sorcerers and witches. The eventual recognition of these facts shattered the whole system of research in VII C 3. LEVIN openly declared that the methods had to be changed completely if any satisfactory results were to be expected, and he turned to an impartial analysis of the historical and ethnographical roots of magic as practised by the Germanic tribes.

94. It was only natural that this way of research was not applauded by the [illegible]. One of the most influential opponents of the "Hexen" (Hexen) sub-dept was the Amtschef III, OHLENDORF, who was (P/ assumes) kept informed about its work by SIX and SPENGLER.

THE END

95. VII C 3 was evacuated to SCHLESIERSEE in 1943, where most of its material and its section of the Library remained until Jan 45. Meanwhile, in autumn 44 it had ceased its function as an independent sub-dept. During Jan 45 the more important material was transported to DRESDEN, whence it was to be moved to another place of safety in Central GERMANY. It was, however, burnt during the heavy air raids on DRESDEN in Feb 45.

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C. MISCELLANEOUS

PROJECTED REFERENCE CENTRE (VII - 3)

96. When Amt VII was set up at the beginning of 42, it was planned to form a separate sub-dept called VII - 3, which was to serve as a general reference centre. It was to contain all reference works such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks and some periodicals so far as they were non-technical (e.g. literary, cultural and other magazines). Stubaf [illegible] and Ostuf HUCKS were to be in charge of it. This sub-dept never materialised, as it was thought inconvenient that the research staff should have to consult books of reference outside the library. VII - 3 existed on paper only until the end of 42 or beginning of 43, when it was struck off the establishment.

PROJECTED DEPT VII D

97. At about the time of the outbreak of war, SIX planned to form a separate group 'D' concerned with the study of foreign countries. This scheme, however, had to be dropped in its preliminary stages owing to the lack of qualified personnel. SIX had intended to put Stubaf HESS in charge of the group. But HESS as well as Ostuf [illegible], the only other member of Amt VII who seemed to be qualified, were soon transferred to Amt VI. P. does not remember any particular work being done by either of them; he only saw them in the library where they sat reading or came to borrow books.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

98. This, the Geschäftsstelle, was the central administrative office, dealing with questions concerning personnel, pay and allowances. It registered all incoming and outgoing correspondence and arranged for the internal distribution of all books and periodicals sent to Amt VII. It also served as a pool for typists and messengers. The officer in charge was Ustuf [illegible], whose chief clerks were Hauptscharführer [illegible], [illegible], LINDENLAUB and [illegible].

99. Under the Geschäftsstelle came also a small printing office, a bookbinding workshop and a photographic laboratory. The printing office represented an 'idée fixe' of SIX's, who had originally hoped that all publications of Amt VII could be printed there. When this proved impossible, partly because the equipment placed at the disposal of Amt VII was quite insufficient, and still more because the publishing and printing of books by the RSHA would have constituted an infringement of the German Copyright Act, an arrangement was reached with the "[illegible] Verlag" (see para 5)). The Printing Office then produced only reference slips for the Press Archives, index cards for Amter I and II of the RSHA, and press mark labels for the Library, as well as administrative forms. Occasionally it printed

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the reports of VII B 1 and VII B 2. The bookbinders' shop only served the library, and the photographic laboratory was set up solely for the use of VII C 3.

RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE

100. Apart from the submission of reports by VII B 1 and VII B 2 to Obergruppenführer SCHELLENBERG (see above, para 63), there was no real liaison between the German Foreign Office and Amt VII. After SIX had left the RSHA, KALTENBRUNNER instructed Pa to send these reports to SIX also, who, in return, promised to put Amt VII on the distribution list of pamphlets and brochures produced by the Kulturpolitische Abteilung of the Foreign Office. Pa, however, remembers only two instances of such material being received through SIX. SIX demanded several times that sections of the Press Archives should be photostated for the Foreign Office, whose own press archives had been burnt. Pa relates that, on principle, he never took any notice of SIX's demand, partly because he refused to take orders from SIX after the latter's departure, and partly because the fulfilment of SIX's request would have entailed asking KALTENBRUNNER's permission, which he did not want to do.

RELATIONS WITH PROPAGANDAMINISTERIUM

101. Relations with the Propagandaministerium were very loose and consisted, apart from the occasional dispatch of short reports, only in some conferences with Hastuf HEINRICHSDORF (see para 25), who was first Referent for literary matters, and later in the Ministerbüro of the Propagandaministerium. HEINRICHSDORF was engaged in some research on nineteenth century freemasonry.

102. Pa negotiated with HEINRICHSDORF about four or five times. The matters discussed were the procurement of books for HEINRICHSDORF's studies, the suppression of a valueless book on freemasonry and the allotment of paper to the "NORDLAND Verlag". Ostuf SCHULER, the manager of that concern, had at the same time applied to the Propagandaministerium for paper via Amt VII, where Stuf SPANGLER and Ostubaf von KLEMPERER acted as liaison officers between the RSHA and the Propagandaministerium.

AMT VII REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD

103. Pa denies that Amt VII maintained any agents or emissaries in foreign countries or occupied territories. A few members of the staff were, during his term of office, detached from Amt VII and sent on special duties to various SDs. When a member of Amt VII was detached for temporary or permanent duties abroad, he was usually struck off the strength of Amt VII (though not of the RSHA, which remained his "Heimatdienststelle"). There was, as a rule, no possibility of claiming

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a former member of Amt VII sent abroad, not even upon his return, when it had to be left to KALTENBRUNNER and the general management of the RSHA to decide about his allocation and future employment.

104. On members of Amt VII detached to various EGS in occupied territories, see Appendix 3, under BLEHMANN; FICHTNER, EHRINGER, HUHLER, POSCH, REISSMANN, ROTHER, STUBER, and WENZEL.

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DISTRIBUTION

M.I.19a	War Office	(110 copies)
N.I.D.	Admiralty	(4 copies)
A.D.I.(K)	Air Ministry	(6 copies)

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[illegible] Jan 07	Born at [illegible] (Saxony), son of [illegible] Primary School teacher.
1[illegible] - 26	Elementary School, [illegible] School [illegible] Grammar School at [illegible].
27	[illegible] Boy Scout Movement ("[illegible] Deutscher Pfadfinder").
[illegible]	[illegible] World Jamboree COPENHAGEN.
[illegible]	Studies [illegible], philosophy, [illegible] English philosophy [illegible] the University of LEIPZIG and [illegible]. High School [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible].
1	[illegible] University [illegible] Geographical Institute, LEIPZIG.
May - Sep [illegible]	[illegible] Boy Scout with the 16th (LEICESTER) Troop. [illegible] work at British Museum for thesis on the colonization of British [illegible] LIBERIA.
1 May [illegible]	Joined [illegible] as ordinary member.
Jul 33	Joined SA (Sturm-Abteilung) and rose to rank of SA Oberscharführer. Left Boy Scout Movement, on account of its dissolution.
Jan 34 - Mar [illegible]	Assistant teacher at [illegible] Oberschule LEIPZIG.
Jun 35	Joined SS to Unterscharführer and found full-time employment with Schriftleitung [illegible] of the [illegible] at LEIPZIG, mainly reviewing political books.
26 Jun [illegible]	Passed the [illegible] examination at LEIPZIG University.
Feb 36	Transferred to Sicherheitshauptamt, BERLIN; employed as Librarian.
Nov 36	Promoted to SS Oberscharführer.
Dec 36	Married [illegible] at [illegible] of RAUBOLD.
Jan 37	Entered with [illegible] Preliminary Archives.
16 May - 1[illegible] Jun 37	[illegible] with [illegible] at LEIPZIG [illegible].
Apr [illegible]	[illegible].
Sep [illegible]	[illegible] Intelligence [illegible].
Apr [illegible]	[illegible] SS [illegible].
[illegible]	[illegible] SDC [illegible] 1947 [illegible] Liberia [illegible].
Apr [illegible]	[illegible].
[illegible]	[illegible] Field [illegible] Section [illegible].

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Aug 41	Promoted SS Sturmf.
Jun 41	Tour of inspection to GREECE and JUGOSLAVIA.
Autumn 41	Collaborated with "NORDLAND-Verlag" in the publication of books on Freemasonry, etc. Became co-editor of the series "Quellen und Darstellungen zur Freimaurerei" ("Sources and Monographs on Freemasonry"), also reader for "NORDLAND-Verlag".
42	Took over Dept VII C.
6 Aug 42	Birth of a son.
End 42	Promoted SS Ostubaf.
Apr 43	Appointed Acting Leiter of Amt VII under the pretext that, owing to the war situation and the minor importance of Amt VII, no new Amtschef would be appointed.
43 - 45	Supervised evacuation of Library and Archives to places of safety in the SUDETENLAND, owing to increased Allied air attacks.
15 Apr 45	Posted unemployed, pending transfer to Waffen SS.
4 May 45	Reported at FLENSBURG and released from duty by Amtschef I, RSHA.
7 - 21 May 45	Served as Zeller's aide in WESTERFELD nr SÜDERLÜGUM.
21 May 45	Captured at WESTERFELD.

C.S.D.I.C.(U.K)
11 Sep 45

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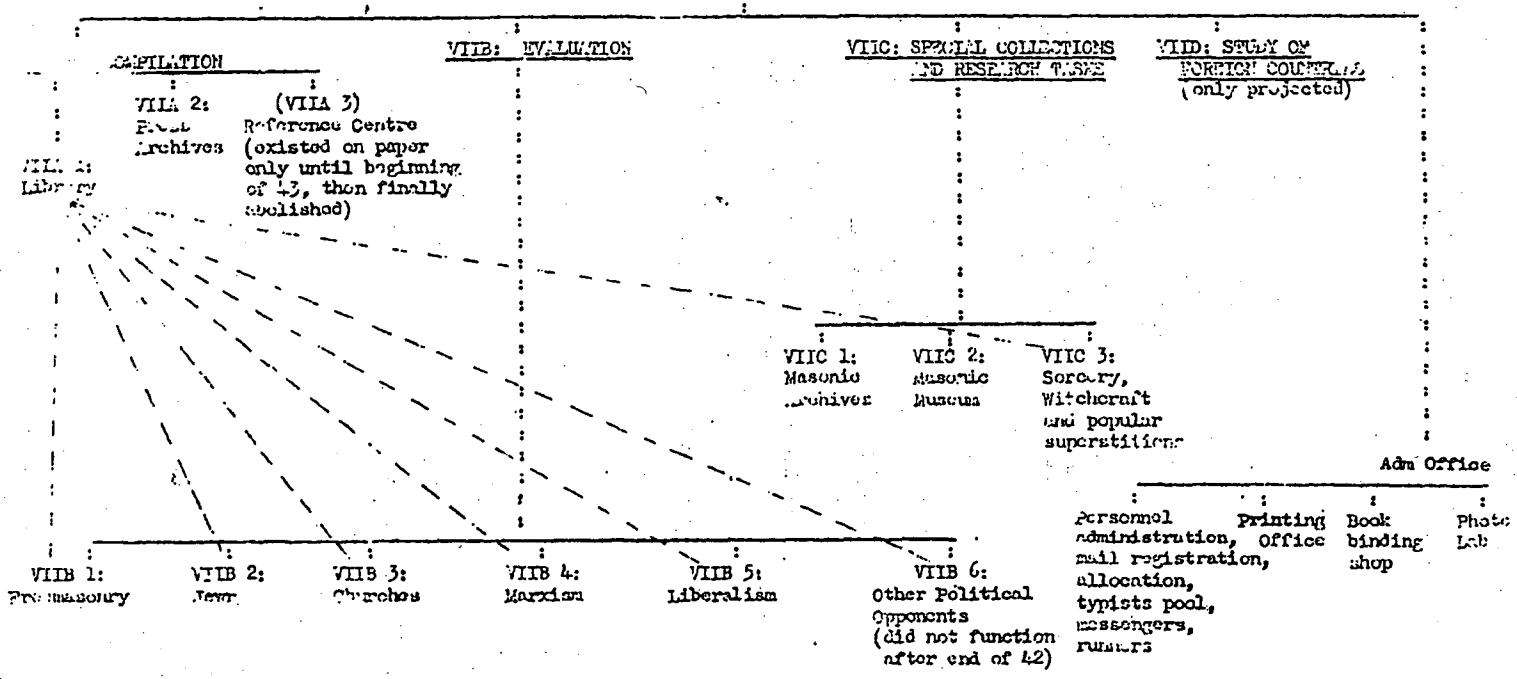
Amtschef: Acting Leiter:
Obersturmführer Dr Paul DITTEL (FM)



S.O.S.H.A.(U.S.)
13 Sep 45

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S.H.A. 17.5

A[illegible] E N D I X [illegible]

PERSONALITIES

1. (Hauptsturmführer) Dr. Phil. Heinz [illegible]
Ref. Int VII E 2 (Jury).
Age about 34, height [illegible], [illegible],
shortish hair and [illegible].
Has a bad [illegible] speaking material [illegible] with [illegible] which he intended to [illegible] BERLIN University.
Continuous and [illegible], difficult to get on with.
Antisemitic [illegible]

Cit. Germany
Dob c 1914
Connected with Amt VII B2 of the RSHA in Germany.

2. Frl Ursula [illegible]
[illegible]

3. (Frl Dr. Phil.) Irmgard [illegible]
Age about 33, [illegible] blue eyes, rather intellectual [illegible] research assistant in VII [illegible], [illegible] to Amt III.
Probably Party member.

Cit. Germany
Dob c 1910
Sex: Female
Connected with Amt VII B5 of the RSHA in Germany.

4. (Hauptsturmführer) Dr. Phil. [illegible]
Age 37, height [illegible], [illegible], blue eyes, brown hair. The first Lieut. [illegible] of STEIN (qv) and [illegible] (qv). Historian [illegible] librarian (Bibliotheksrat).
[illegible] and transferred to [illegible] in 40 as Lt.

Dob c 1908
Cit. Germany
Sex: Liberation
Former dept. head in Amt VII A-1 of the RSHA.

5. (Oberst) Martin [illegible]
Age 35, height [illegible], blue-grey eyes, brown hair.
Worked as filing clerk in VII [illegible] (Kitchener) 35-43, but since end of [illegible] employed in VII C 1 (Gaudo archives).
At end 43 [illegible] to AS VII RAIF for several SD duties.
Returned [illegible] and to go to GUMELSDORF.
Transferred to BDS Belgrade for general SD duties.

Dob c 1910
Cit. Germany
Formerly worked in Amt VII C Land C3 of the RSHA in Germany.

6. (Stubaführer) Walter BRAUNE
Referent VII C 1 (Gaudo [illegible]).
Age 45, height [illegible], slim build, [illegible], dark brown hair, blue-grey eyes, [illegible].
Certificated engineer. [illegible] member, [illegible] but not aggressive. [illegible] qualifications but [illegible] took over administration [illegible] GUMELSDORF at the beginning of [illegible].

Dob c 1908
Cit. Germany
Occ. Engineer
Connected with Amt VII C 1 of the RSHA in Germany.

7. (Ustuf.) Walter BRÜDERLE
Head of Admin Office (Geschäftsführer) of the RSHA in Germany.
Dob c 1911
Cit. Germany
Head of Admin Office (Geschäftsführer) of the RSHA in Germany.

Age 34, height [illegible], [illegible], grey-blue eyes, fair hair.
Form [illegible]

8. Ernst [illegible]
Civil [illegible] 29, height [illegible], [illegible] hair.
[illegible]

Dob c 1914
Cit. Germany
Dob: Yugoslavia
Employed as Clerk in Amt VII B-1 of the RSHA in Germany.

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9. (Stuba) Kurt H URESTER
Referent VII [illegible]
Age about 36, [illegible] small face, blue eyes, bald. [illegible] from the war, but later [illegible] frequently and [illegible] strongly anti-SD. [illegible] librarian and not very [illegible]. [illegible] and cultural [illegible] PERLIN University [illegible] Prof Dr PFEFFER, BERLIN. [illegible] pro-British attitude (he [illegible] in Australia [illegible]), in F's opinion, have influenced [illegible]'s political [illegible].

Deb c 1917
Cit: Germany
SAX-Kongo
Connected with Amt VII A-1 of the RSHA in Germany

10. (Frau) Margot H C.SPER
Age 20, height [illegible], [illegible] eyes, [illegible] hair.
Worked in VII [illegible] (Library, under Oberst MÖCKEL [illegible]), but [illegible] and insolent [illegible] books. Not a member of the Party.

Cit: Germany
Deb c 1908
Connected with Amt VII B5 of the RSHA in Germany

11. (Hauptsch) Ferdinand H DUCHENE
Age about 35, height [illegible], square build, full face, short-sighted [illegible] glasses [illegible] retreating hair.
Former Roman Catholic priest. Started work in VII B 5 (Liberalism) as civilian employee and only later joined SS. Left Amt VII [illegible] due to differences with Stubaf EHLERS of VII B 1, and [illegible] the RSHA. F: thinks he joined the Party.

Deb c 1906
Cit: Germany
Sex: Female
Connected with Amt VII A-1 of the RSHA in Germany

12. (Frau) H DURCH
Age about [illegible], height about [illegible] [illegible], dark hair, not very attractive.
Worked in VII A 1 (Library), [illegible] Marxist literature. Experienced in library work. Quiet and unobtrusive. F: thinks she was a member of the Party, but not quite sure.

Deb c 1909
Cit: Germany
Assistant Referent (Officer in Charge) in Amt VII B3 of the RSHA in Germany.

13. (Oberf Dr. Phil) H ECKSTEIN
Assistant [illegible]
Age 33 to 35, height [illegible], [illegible], oval face, dark eyes, dark brown hair, [illegible] from [illegible]. Qualified historian, [illegible] under Dr [illegible] and FISCHER of LEIPZIG University. [illegible] efficient [illegible]. Old Party member, but not a fanatic.

Deb c 1910
Cit: Germany
Connected with Amt VII B-1 of the RSHA in Germany
Employed in Abt IV (Gestapo-Leitung) of the RSHA

14. (Stubaf) Erich H EHLERS
Referent VII B 1 (Germany).
Age 35, height [illegible] m, slim build, oval face, blue-grey eyes, wears glasses, brown hair.
Originally employed in Central Railway II/1 (Political opponents). Since 39 employed in Amt VII. Old Party member. Though he criticised [illegible] at times, he remained 100% Nazi. Very talkative, good [illegible].

15. Erl EHLERT
Age 25, height [illegible], [illegible] build, [illegible] eyes, fair hair.
Shorthand-typist. Did secretarial work [illegible] (Geschäftstelle).

16. (Ostuf) Karl H ENGELMANN
Cit: Germany
Deb: Cologne
Connected with Amt VII B-1 of the RSHA in Germany

Age 38, height about [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], grey-green eyes, [illegible] hair. [illegible] EHLERS. [illegible] qualified [illegible] [illegible] Party [illegible].

17. (Sachbearbeiter) [illegible]

DOB c 1908
Citizenship [illegible]
Technical Assistant in Amt VII B 2 of the RSHA. Subsequently worked in Vienna [illegible]

[illegible] complexion, hair and eyes, [illegible]. Worked in [illegible] (Amt VII B 2 [illegible]), then in VII C 1 ([illegible]) [illegible] VIENNA as secretary to [illegible] (qv).

18. (Ustuf) Heinz [illegible]

DOB c 1904
Citizenship [illegible]
Connected with Amt VII A-1 of the RSHA in Germany until 1943, then posted to an [illegible] in the Eastern Front

Age 36 or 37. [illegible], blue eyes, fair hair, clean-shaven. [illegible] talk. Worked in VII [illegible] (Lib [illegible]) as Technical Assistant, looking after depot of [illegible] until 1943. Then posted to an [illegible] on the Eastern Front. [illegible] of limited ability, [illegible]. Though Party member [illegible] 100% Nazi.

19. (Ustuf) Willi [illegible]

Cit: Germany
DOB c 1910
occ: Musician
Connected with Amt VII B 4 of the RSHA in Germany. 100% Nazi

Age about 35, height [illegible], slim build, [illegible], blueish-grey eyes, sparse fair hair. Assistant filing [illegible] in VII B 4 (Services). Professional musician (trumpeter). [illegible] limited ability. 100% Nazi; irascible. [illegible] BARTSCH he worked as shorthand-typist in VII B 3.

20. (Hauptsturmführer) Karl August POHL

DOB c 1910
Cit: Germany
Connected with Amt VII B 2 of the RSHA in Germany

Referent VII B 2 (Press Archives). Age about [illegible], height [illegible], slim build, long face, blue eyes, fair hair, speaks Hamburg dialect. Studied [illegible] languages and political economy but could not take a degree, [illegible] had no "Abitur". Turned anti-Nazi and openly criticised the Regime. Good worker.

21. (Hauptsturmführer Prof Dr) Gunther [illegible]

DOB c 1902
Cit: Germany

Age 40 to 45, height about [illegible], heavy and clumsy appearance, greyish-brown eyes, brown hair. Professor of mediaeval and early modern history at HAMBURG and [illegible], later in HEIDELBERG and JENA, and finally at STRASSBURG. Belonged to SIX's "Outer Circle" (see para 25). Very able Historian. 100% Nazi. Held honorary SS rank.

22. (Ostuf) Werner BOLTSCH

Cit: Germany
Connected with Amt VI of the RSHA in Germany

Held a leading position in Amt VI and was never transferred to Amt VII, but frequently interfered with the business of other depts, on the ground that he acted on LEHFELDT's orders whose confidence he apparently enjoyed (see paras 17 to 23 for his special responsibilities). According to BK, most unbalanced nature, hypocritical, inclined to believe in miracles, a half-wit and incorrigible busybody.

23. Dr Phil Heinz GUTLER

Worked in VII B 1, from 39 to [illegible]. Rank in Allg SS not remembered. Joined Waffen SS [illegible] standing of 42. Killed in action near BELGOROD 44.

24. (Ustuf) [illegible] MAHE

DOB c 1910
Cit: Germany
occ: Bookbinder
Connected with Amt VII C-1 of the RSHA in Germany

Age 35, height [illegible], stout build, [illegible], grey-blue eyes, sparse fair hair. Skilled technician [illegible] bookbinder's shop, also [illegible] assistant in VII C 1 (Musical Archives). [illegible] though slow.

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25. (Student) Albert MARTIN

DOB C 1903
Cit: Germany
Employed by the SD until 1940, then transferred to AMT III of the RSHA.
Former Bursch of the Priest.

[illegible] age 40 to [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] account. Former [illegible] of the [illegible]. [illegible] employed by the SD. [illegible] the latter [illegible] and [illegible] of course [illegible] to [illegible] IV [illegible] politics, [illegible], unfriendly towards [illegible] business. Likes to [illegible] intellectual, [illegible] "[illegible]", but [illegible] degree. [illegible] lot. [illegible] SS Ordensburgen and [illegible] but still [illegible] 35, presumably [illegible] advances [illegible] 26).

26. (Student) Karl [illegible]

DOB C 1910
Cit: Germany
Employed in AMT VII of RSHA until 1938 when transferred to AMT III.

[illegible] age 35, height [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], brown hair. [illegible] in VII [illegible] up to about 35. [illegible] pretense of [illegible] for his University studies and [illegible] brought [illegible] VII to [illegible] "D" (see page 97. [illegible] VI) in short employ [illegible].

27. (Student) Richard [illegible]

DOB C 1900
Cit: Germany
Worked as research assistant in AMT VII B 2 of the RSHA in Berlin.

[illegible] 45, height [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] eyes, [illegible] hair. [illegible] assistant in VII B 2 [illegible]. A farmer's [illegible] Catholic [illegible], [illegible] ordinary. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], but [illegible] politics in the [illegible]. Diligent. Not [illegible]. [illegible] Party [illegible], [illegible] after [illegible] power.

28. (Lecturer Dr) Phil. [illegible] HEINRICHSDORF

Cit: Germany
DOB C 1904

[illegible] Propaganda-[illegible] in the RSHA in Berlin.

[illegible] 35, height about 1.78 [illegible], [illegible], brown hair. [illegible] Cited, [illegible]. [illegible] lot, Editor of the Zeitschrift für Politik, [illegible] VII's.

29. (Student) Peter [illegible]

Cit: Germany
DOB C 1911
Leader (Referent) of AMT VII B 4 of the RSHA in Berlin.

Referent VII [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible] 1.76 [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], brown hair. Student of [illegible]. [illegible] Eastern Front until 42. [illegible] VII [illegible] (churches). [illegible] Party [illegible] not [illegible]. Quiet, reserved, [illegible].

30. (Dr) Phil Hans [illegible]

DOB C 1912
Cit: Germany
Occ: Art Historian

Research assistant [illegible] age 3[illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], one [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] hair. Civilian [illegible]. Since [illegible] the [illegible] assistant. [illegible] School [illegible] member [illegible] State [illegible].

31. ( ) [illegible]

DOB C [illegible]
Cit: Germany

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32. (Fel Dr Phil) Hilde[illegible] FOCKE
Assistant Leader of Unit VII A 2 of the RSHA in Germany
DOB c.1918
Ger Germany
Sex - Female
Assistant to Arthur FOCKE in VII A 2 (Press Archives). Age 27, height [illegible], [illegible] build, round face, blue-grey eyes, [illegible] hair, [illegible], unattractive. Former student of Journalism. [illegible] efficient in collecting and arranging material. [illegible] Party member.

33. (Ostuf) Wilhelm HUCKS
Ger Germany
DOB c.1911
Connected with Unit VII of the RSHA in Germany
Age 34, height 1.[illegible] m, slim build, blue eyes, brown hair. Worked in VII A, temporarily detailed for preparatory work for VII A 3, then in the Office. Transferred to Amt VI in mid-43. Not 100% Nazi.

34. Oscharf JANCZAK
Age 40, height [illegible], stout, blue eyes, brown hair, wears glasses. Occupation. [illegible] worked in printing office.

35. (Ostuf) HUCKS
Age about 36, height about 1.7[illegible] m, slim build, blue-grey eyes, [illegible] hair.
Worked in VII A [illegible] (Library) under [illegible] keeper of the [illegible] of genealogical books.

36. Dr Phil [illegible]
Age 37, height about 1.7[illegible] m, blond [illegible], small head, blue-grey eyes, [illegible] hair. Limp [illegible] result of infantile paralysis. Civil [illegible] and [illegible] assistant in VII A 1 (Library). [illegible] attitude of theology and religious [illegible]. [illegible] worker, [illegible] knowledgeable, but some-[illegible]. [illegible] Party member [illegible] strongly opposed to the [illegible] anti-semite.

37. (Ostubf) Walter von DELPINI
Head of Section "Schrifttum und Presse" (Literature and Press) in Amt III
Age 36, height [illegible] m, slim build, oval face, blue eyes, sparse fair hair.
Had studied modern languages, but never practised. Passed editors' examination. Highly gifted, ambitious, diligent and pushing. Outwardly polite and obliging, but dangerous intriguer [illegible] twaist. Joined Party about 33, but liked to picture to [illegible] Hitler Empire. Successful writer.

38. Hauptscharf KARSE
Age 35, height [illegible], slim build, blue-grey eyes, fair hair. Blacksmith by trade. [illegible] as clerk in the Office, then as runner and driver.

39. Hauptscharf [illegible]
Age about 36, height 1.8[illegible] m, [illegible] build, grey eyes, [illegible] hair. Messenger in the Office. Previously tricklayer. Stubborn Nazi.

40. (Ostuf) [illegible]
[illegible] Amt VI [illegible] Other Political Departments till 45. Age [illegible], height [illegible], very slender figure, long face, dark [illegible].
[illegible] initiative [illegible], [illegible] reminded [illegible] to DELPINI's [illegible].

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[illegible]

4b. [illegible]

4c. [illegible]

4d. [illegible]

4e. [illegible]

4f. [illegible]

4g. [illegible]

4h. [illegible]

4i. [illegible]

[illegible]

56. [illegible]
[illegible] eyes, brown hair,
[illegible]
Civil employee, [illegible] sub-depts of VII B.
[illegible] member.

57. (Oberfeldwebel) [illegible]
Age 33, height 1.82 m, slender build, [illegible] eyes, brown hair.
[illegible] by birth. [illegible] of 35 Leibstandarte [illegible]
HITLER. Worked since [illegible] in VII B 1 and VII B 2.
[illegible] RSHA. Upon return to GERMANY [illegible]
[illegible] (see [illegible] 65) in the Personal Office. [illegible]
[illegible] modification. [illegible] the staff of the RSHA.
His [illegible] for all requests and complaints regarding the
reports of VII B 2, and to correct prison reports for VII [illegible] 2 and
various sub-depts. of VII B which are then no longer accessible
to [illegible] VII. Open character, diligent and eager to learn, but
[illegible].

58. [illegible]
[illegible], height 1.63 m, stocky [illegible], [illegible],
[illegible]. Civilian employee. [illegible] and handyman
in [illegible] Office.

59. [illegible] PROSCHE, [illegible], divorced
[illegible] 44, height about 1.66 m, [illegible], [illegible] eyes, [illegible] hair.
[illegible] shorthand typist in VII C 1, later kept card-index in
VII B 4. [illegible] to [illegible] PROSCHE, who was employed in
[illegible] registry [illegible] to [illegible] VI.

60. [illegible] Ina RUNTZ
[illegible] 24, height 1.[illegible], slim [illegible], [illegible] face, blue eyes, brown
hair, pretty.
[illegible] in VII [illegible] sitting [illegible] crossed [illegible] noon, friendly
[illegible], [illegible].

61. (Hauptmann) Paul SEISS
[illegible] 35, height 1.6[illegible], stocky build, round face, blue eyes,
fair hair. Worked since 35 or 36 in VII C 3 (Hitchen[illegible]).
Started his career as [illegible] teacher of History and English.
In March 44, [illegible] HITLER BRUNNER's orders to the
SS [illegible], Grand [illegible], to study under [illegible]STER's direction the
organisation of Institutes for Investigating Masonry and
[illegible] in Occupied ITALY, and to report [illegible] them to the RSHA.
He [illegible] to occupied FRANCE (Institute [illegible] History of Culture)
[illegible] of ideological research. [illegible] to the war
situation, however, [illegible] was employed [illegible] on general [illegible]
[illegible]. Further movements unknown.
[illegible] intelligent, good [illegible], [illegible] Nazi.

62. (Stabsfeldwebel) [illegible]
[illegible] height 1.[illegible], [illegible], [illegible] room
[illegible] hair, [illegible]
[illegible] assistant in VII C 2. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

63. (Dr [illegible]) Rudolf RICHTER
Age 40, height 1.70 m, [illegible], very short-sighted, wears glasses, [illegible] hair.
[illegible] first Dr. [illegible] Astrologer, then research assistant in AMT VII B 1 (Freemasonry and Esoteric Literature). Finally worked on [illegible] astrology and witchcraft.
University rather [illegible]. Good worker, but pedantic. Not a convinced Nazi, [illegible]. No relation to Stabf Hans RICHTER (42).

64. (Dr Phil) Hans RLOSSER
Age about 4[illegible], height 1.7[illegible], [illegible] build, oval face, blue-grey eyes, [illegible], brown hair.
Civilian research assistant in VII C 1. Since 3[illegible] in AMT VII. Qualified [illegible]. [illegible] ultra-nationalist and propagated [illegible], but finally turned completely anti-Nazi. [illegible] party members. Uncertain disposition, [illegible] critical [illegible]. Good worker, but [illegible] and petty.
See also para. 3[illegible] on 79.

65. (Stuber D. Phil) RÖTER
Deputy Attaché of VII in [illegible]
Age 3[illegible], height 1.76 m, slender build, [illegible]-grey eyes, [illegible] hair. Former Student of Journalism and friend of SIX's.
[illegible] at VI [illegible], in [illegible] capacity not known.

66. Dr Phil Adolf ROSSBERG
Historian, worked [illegible] in Schriftumstelle LEIPZIG, then, 36 to 38 [illegible], Zentralabteilung I/3, and then went to DORTMUND [illegible] History at a Secondary School. [illegible] member of [illegible] DORTMUND, later joined the army as Ch[illegible]. Killed [illegible] position near KURSK, 44 (see para 58).

67. Hauptuf Dr Jur Heinz RÖTHER
Age 36, height 1.76 m, slender build, long face, grey-blue eyes, brown hair. [illegible] research assistant in VII B 2. [illegible] to [illegible] Section IV of the BdS PARIS. [illegible] returned [illegible] to VII B 2. In Oct 44 detached to the BdS HUNGARY to contact the Hungarian Institute for the Investigation of Jewry and to report to Amt VII. Returned about beginning of [illegible] and brought with him three Hungarian experts on Jewry. He never met these three Hungarians and does not [illegible] their names. He only heard that they were eventually brought to a village near PETTSER where Oatuf MENZEL (qv) [illegible] in charge of them. Further movements of RÖTHER and the three Hungarians unknown.

68. (Oatuf) Hans-Walter [illegible]
Age about 32, height 1.[illegible] m, [illegible] build, oval face, [illegible] eyes, [illegible] glasses, [illegible] hair.
[illegible] in VII B [illegible] research assistant, but was transferred to [illegible] at about the beginning of 42. [illegible] of SIX's [illegible] the Institute [illegible] Faculty. [illegible] intelligent, good [illegible], designing not [illegible] Nazi

69. [illegible] Dr Jur [illegible]
[illegible], height [illegible], [illegible]-blue eyes, [illegible] hair, [illegible], [illegible] divided [illegible] backwards.

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70. [illegible] SCH[illegible]
[illegible] Office SIX. [illegible]

71. Stud[illegible] SCH[illegible]
(Referat VII B 5) [illegible].
[illegible], height 1.[illegible] m, [illegible], blue [illegible], wears glasses, grey hair.
Former [illegible] fanatic [illegible]. [illegible] assistant lecturer in cultural history at [illegible] Humboldt UNIVERSITY BERLIN. [illegible] disciplined, tireless worker, very quiet, completely disillusioned. [illegible] 7[illegible] 75.

72. SCH[illegible]
Age 46, height 1.[illegible] m, [illegible], [illegible], slim.
Civilian employee, technician, [illegible] Office.

73. SS-[illegible] SCHLEIER
Age 46, height 1.63 m, short [illegible] slight figure, dark eyes, dark hair.
Orderly and [illegible] for [illegible] Office.

74. Sec[illegible] Walter Karl SCHLEIER
In charge of Press Section [illegible] in the Kulturpolitische Abteilung, Foreign Office. (Not related to SCHLEIER).
[illegible] about 5[illegible], height [illegible] m, stocky build, [illegible] face, grey eyes, [illegible] glasses, [illegible] dark hair.
[illegible] "Dirigent" under SIX. [illegible] department of VII B 2 on the Jewish question [illegible] between VII and the Foreign Office [illegible]. For further particulars see para. 53, [illegible] 20 [illegible] and [illegible].

75. Arthur Gerhard SCHLEUT
Age 36, height 1.6[illegible] m, stocky build, [illegible], blue eyes, brown hair. Employed in [illegible] and classifying books. Had studied Slavonic [illegible] history, but not graduated. Steady character, good worker but slow. [illegible] fanatic, rather disillusioned, critical. [illegible]

76. Gustav SC[illegible]
[illegible] of "NORDLAND Verlag" [illegible] (See para. 55).
Age 48, height 1.82 m, [illegible], [illegible] face, dark eyes, wears horn-rimmed glasses [illegible].
[illegible] officer in World War I, [illegible], 100% Nazi, [illegible] all the [illegible] for Gustav [illegible] (q.v.).

77. Gustav Gregor SCH[illegible]-SCHMIDT SCH[illegible]
Age about 65, height about 1.30 m, [illegible], greyish-blue eyes, grey hair, moustache [illegible] painted [illegible], [illegible] lipreader. [illegible] University lecturer in literature and theatre [illegible] Studies.
Custodian of the Masonic [illegible] (VII C 2) in 35/36, [illegible] in Kurzschriftbüro I/V/2. [illegible] beginning of 37. 100% Nazi, violently anti-[illegible] and anti-semitic. [illegible] his young colleagues [illegible] bring them back to [illegible].

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78. (Brigade Professor Dr [illegible]
[illegible] age 37, height [illegible] 76 [illegible], slim athletic [illegible], full round face, blue-[illegible] eyes, [illegible], very [illegible] light brown hair, ears stick out [illegible]
Comes from [illegible] family, had to earn his living in order to be able to study journalism and political science at [illegible] University, [illegible] pupil of Prof Dr KRIEK. Graduated in 35 as a philosophy, with a thesis of mediocre scholarship entitled, "The political struggle as reflected in the Daily Press." Took part in [illegible] Students' Movement and was friendly with the then Reichsstudentenführer Dr Gustav Adolf SCHELL, through whom, probably, he got into contact with HEYDRICH. Shortly after having taken his degree, he entered the SD Hauptamt and at first was placed in charge of an [illegible] department. In late autumn 35 he took over the [illegible] of the SD Hauptamt in LEIPZIG. At the beginning of 37 he was appointed Zentralabteilungsleiter of 2. I/3 (Literature and Press). In the course of 37 he was also given the Zentralabteilungen II/1 (Information Service on political opponents) and II/4 ("Kulturamt-Lebensgebiete"). In 1939, upon reorganization of the [illegible], he handed Zentralabteilung II/2 over to OHLENDORF, who had much confidence in SIX. On the whole SIX remained on good terms with OHLENDORF and their relations only improved slightly after SIX had left the SD. In R.'s opinion OHLENDORF could never [illegible] from the [illegible], as Referent of II/2, was SIX's subordinate. [illegible] appointed Sachbearbeiter II (later VII) late in 39 or early in [illegible], and handed over Zentralabteilung II/1 partly to Amt IV (Gestapo), partly to Amt VI (SD Ausland).
Since 36 Assistant Lecturer in Journalism at the KÖNIGSBERG University, which post he held [illegible] until 38. He submitted proposals for founding a faculty for the study of foreign countries at the Hochschule für Politik (BERLIN University) and an "Auslandswissenschaftliches Institut". R. presumes that an agreement was reached between SIX and the Minister for Education, Dr RUST, because late in 38 SIX was appointed Professor extraordinarius of Foreign Studies [illegible] and President of the [illegible] Institut.
From 33/34 onwards he received [illegible] SS training and was promoted Untersturmführer in the Allgemeine SS. At the beginning of 43 RIBBENTROP called him to the Foreign Office and appointed him Gesandter 1 Klasse and head of the Kulturpolitische Abteilung. After SIX's departure from Amt VII he took [illegible] interest in its further activities and development. [illegible] very seldom his since.
SIX is a fanatical Nazi and he is not the type that can be converted. He may become aware of his own mistakes but he would never admit them. In R's opinion he is one of those who compensate their inferiority complex by a self-assured and boastful demeanour. He [illegible] over his staff wherever possible, though he was [illegible] those who enjoyed his special confidence and was not unforgiving. He is a type full of fresh, if unpractical, ideas. At the beginning he had little respect for scholarly research, which he was still [illegible] "intellectual" for [illegible]'s liking. After his [illegible] as Professor, however, he [illegible] the [illegible] in his [illegible]. In conversation [illegible] Frequently [illegible] to [illegible] int. [illegible] writing, [illegible] and [illegible] years [illegible] exam[illegible], [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] 1 - 15, [illegible] - 26, 47 - 50.

Group leader of the Culture Group in Amt III of the RSHA was head of Abt. 2 (Geistesleben) 2/3 in 1936

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87. Frl TÜRBUKL
Age 35, height about 1.76 m., slim figure, oval face, blue eyes, brown hair, unattractive.
Cataloguer of Jewish literature in VII B 1 (Library).
Probably not a party member. Politically indifferent.

88. Frl Ursula VETTIN
Age 30, height about 1.60 m., thickset, oval face, blue eyes, brown hair. Shorthand typist in VII B 1. Diligent, good character, probably not a Party member.

89. Rottfd VOGL
Age 36, height 1.68 m., stout figure, oval face, greyish-blue eyes, fair hair.
Office runner, driver and caretaker.

90. (Ostur) Alfred WAGNER
Age 35, height 1.76 m., slender build, greyish-blue eyes, brown hair. Formerly a commercial clerk. Joined the SD Hauptamt about mid-35. Employed in the Mitchcraft sub-dept long before it became VII C 3, but subsequently worked in several other depts, also in the Main Office on pay matters. Detached to BdS Paris, in spring 44, to assist STUBER (q.v.) in the latter's investigations on French freemasonry, but was, upon the Allied Invasion, detailed for general SD duties. After STUBER's death he was ordered to take charge of COSTON (see para 57). It was his special task to supervise COSTON and his entourage and to prevent any unauthorised literary activity on their part. Old Party member, talkative and boastful, very forgetful owing to a head injury received in political brawling before 33.

91. Ustur Philipp WILLMS
Age 32, height 1.66 m., slender build, oval face, grey eyes, brown hair. Technical assistant in VII B 2 (Library). Professional typesetter. Diligent but of limited ability, frugal. Not an old Party member or a fanatical Nazi.